
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE 2014 JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT HAWAII BUSINESS HALL OF FAME LAUREATES: SHERRY MENOR-MCNAMARA, JAKE SHIMABUKURO, AND THE KAMITAKI/MIZOGUCHI FAMILY FOR THEIR TALENTS, CORPORATE LEADERSHIP, AND SUCCESS IN BUSINESS.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is proud to recognize those
2 exceptional individuals who, through life-long entrepreneurial
3 and civic activities, have contributed greatly to Hawaii's
4 business community as well as the entire State; and
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6 WHEREAS, Junior Achievement is the world's largest
7 organization dedicated to educating students in grades K-12
8 about free enterprise, work readiness, and financial literacy
9 through experiential, hands-on programs; during 2012 and 2013,
10 Junior Achievement positively impacted over 4.4 million students
11 across the United States; and
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13 WHEREAS, Junior Achievement's volunteer-delivered programs
14 inspire students to dream big and reach their full potential;
15 with the help of over 200,000 volunteers, participating students
16 develop the skills necessary to experience the realities and
17 opportunities of work and entrepreneurship in the 21st-century
18 global marketplace; and
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20 WHEREAS, since 1975, the U.S. Business Hall of Fame,
21 presented by Junior Achievement, has honored men and women who
22 have made outstanding contributions to free enterprise and to
23 society; and
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25 WHEREAS, possessing strong leadership skills, these
26 individuals have effectively applied managerial and leadership
27 skills to community or public service or have shared economic
28 success with the community through philanthropy; and



1 WHEREAS, judged by a panel composed of representatives from
2 Junior Achievement, The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, the
3 Business Roundtable, the Hawaii Council on Economic Education,
4 and Smart Business Hawaii, these inspirational role models have
5 successfully met the criteria for being selected as outstanding
6 Hawaii business leaders; and
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8 WHEREAS, SHERRY MENOR-McNAMARA earned her induction into
9 the 2014 Junior Achievement Hawaii Business Hall of Fame by
10 becoming the youngest and first female President and CEO of The
11 Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; and
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13 WHEREAS, born in Tokyo, Japan, and raised in Hilo, Hawaii,
14 SHERRY MENOR-McNAMARA graduated from Waiakea High School before
15 earning a bachelor's degree in political science from the
16 University of California at Los Angeles; she then acquired her
17 master's degree in business administration from the University
18 of Hawaii's Shidler College of Business before pursuing graduate
19 studies in public administration at the University of Southern
20 California; she went on to receive her Juris Doctor degree from
21 the University of Hawaii's William S. Richardson School of Law;
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24 WHEREAS, in addition to serving as the President and CEO of
25 The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, SHERRY MENOR-McNAMARA is a
26 member of the Board of Trustees of The Queen's Health Systems,
27 the Board of Directors for the Filipino Community Center, the
28 Board of Directors for the East-West Center Foundation, the
29 Executive Committee of the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl, and the
30 Executive Committee and Board of Directors for Move Oahu
31 Forward; she also serves as Board Chair for the Hawaii Health
32 Connector; and
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34 WHEREAS, SHERRY MENOR-McNAMARA is the personification of
35 excellence in corporate leadership, and her induction into the
36 2014 Junior Achievement Hawaii Business Hall of Fame is a true
37 indicator of the depth of her knowledge of the corporate world
38 and the breadth of her professional experience; and



1 WHEREAS, recognized as an internationally renowned artist,
2 JAKE SHIMABUKURO has taken his music career to a higher level
3 after establishing his own management company, Toastman Inc.,
4 and a record company, Hitchhike Records over 12 years ago - both
5 of which have prolonged his success; and

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7 WHEREAS, throughout his career, JAKE SHIMABUKURO released
8 nine albums and became an internet sensation by utilizing his
9 ukulele as a powerful instrument; JAKE SHIMABUKURO has
10 successfully integrated the aloha spirit into his music; and

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12 WHEREAS, JAKE SHIMABUKURO is the epitome of success in both
13 the business world and in the music industry; his phenomenal
14 success and selfless contributions to charitable causes
15 throughout the years have earned him a spot in the 2014 Junior
16 Achievement Hawaii Business Hall of Fame; and

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18 WHEREAS, entrepreneurial siblings Tadami Kamitaki and
19 Matsuko Mizoguchi of Kahului, Maui, combined dreams and hard
20 work to open the K. Kamitaki Store (which later became Kahului
21 Dry Goods), which led to them opening the first Ben Franklin
22 store on Maui in 1951, followed by the second Ben Franklin store
23 in Hilo in 1961; and

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25 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is proud to commend THE
26 KAMITAKI/MIZOGUCHI FAMILY, as they have carried forth their
27 business with the help of the next generation, and their
28 accomplishments in opening 31 stores include six Ben Franklin
29 Craft stores and 14 Ace Hardware stores in Hawaii, as well as an
30 extended presence in Asia with 11 Ace Hardware stores; and

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32 WHEREAS, the shared visions of these two families have
33 inspired Hawaii's youth and have successfully played an
34 economically vital role in Hawaii, earning them a spot in the
35 2014 Junior Achievement Hawaii Business Hall of Fame; and

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37 WHEREAS, these laureates have demonstrated excellence in
38 their careers and a strong dedication to improving Hawaii's
39 business community and the overall well-being of the State and
40 will be officially inducted into the 2014 Junior Achievement
41 Hawaii Business Hall of Fame on March 14, 2014; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2014, that this body hereby congratulates Junior
4 Achievement Hawaii Business Hall of Fame laureates SHERRY MENOR-
5 MCNAMARA, JAKE SHIMABUKURO, and THE KAMITAKI/MIZOGUCHI FAMILY on
6 the occasion of their induction into the 2014 Junior Achievement
7 Hawaii Business Hall of Fame.

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